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E.O. 11652: GDS,

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SUBJECT: MBFR-CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS

1. BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) ADVISED SPC SEPTEMBER 11 THAT AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES HAD INFORMED BELGIAN EMBASSY VIENNA THAT SHOTTENRING BUILDING WAS DEFINITELY UNAVAILABLE AS SITE FOR NATO FACILITY (SEE USNATO 4260 ON OTHER BUILDINGS UNDER CONSIDERATION). AUSTRAINS ALSO CONFIRMED TO BELGIAN THAT MEETING ROOM FOR MBFR NEGOTIATIONS IN HOFBURG WOULD NOT BE READY OCTOBER 30 AND THAT INITIAL TALKS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN KONFERENZALL ON MARGARITENGEURTEL.

2. ON SUBJECT OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES FOR MBFR DELEGATIONS, ITALIAN REP (PENZA) ADVISED THAT ROME SHARED VIEWS CONTAINED IN RECENT UK DELEGATION LETTER (USNATO 4148). WILLOT NOTED THAT HE WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS POINT, BUT ASKED UK REP FOLLOWING THREE QUESTIONS: 1) DOES UK INTEND REINTRODUCE ISSUES ALREADY SETTLED; 2) DOES UK BELIEVE THAT ASSURANCES WHICH IT NEEDS CAN BE HANDLED BILATERALLY, AND 3) DOES UK AGREE THAT AUXILIARY PERSONNEL OF MBFR DELEGATIONS WOULD ALSO BE COVERED? IN RESPONSE, UK REP CONFIDENTIAL

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(LEVER) SAID THAT UK DID NOT INTEND REINTRODUCE ISSUES ALREADY SETTLED ALTHOUGH CERTAIN LEGAL POINTS DID REMAIN. HE SAID THAT ASSURANCES FROM AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES REGARDING INCLUSION OF INTERNATIONAL STAFF MEMBERS ATTACHED

TO NATIONAL DELEGATIONS IN DIPLOMATIC LISTS SHOULD BE
SOUGHT BILATERALLY AND THAT AUXILIARY PERSONNEL ON
NATIONAL DELEGATIONS WOULD IN UK VIEW HAVE SAME PRIVILEGES
AND IMMUNITIES AS SERVICE STAFF OF EMBASSIES IN VIENNA.

LEVER ADDED THAT AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES HAD ADVISED UK EMBASSY
VIENNA THAT IN THEORY AN AUSTRIAN COURT COULD INQUIRE INTO
THE STATUS OF A MEMBER OF AN EMBASSY'S DIPLOMATIC STAFF AND
ASK FOR JUSTIFICATION OF THIS INDIVIDUAL'S DIPLOMATIC STATUS.
AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY REPORTEDLY ADVISED THAT ACTION WAS
EXTREMELY UNLIKELY BUT THAT IF AUSTRIAN COURTS PROCEEDED IN
THIS MANNER FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD BE UNABLE TO INTERVENE.
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